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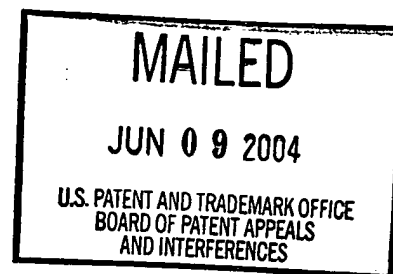
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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte CATHERINE M. KEENE, RAYMOND LIN
AND RAO SADHURREDY

Application No. 09/401,251



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on May 20, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

Appellant filed a Notice of Appeal on November 26, 2002, in response to the Examiner's Final Rejection, mailed July 17, 2002 (Paper No. 13). The Notice of Appeal was filed more than one month after the October 17, 2002 due date; therefore requiring a two months extension of

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time fee of \$200.00. It should be noted that the Notice of Appeal authorizes charging any required fee(s) against Deposit Account 50-2421.

Accordingly, it is

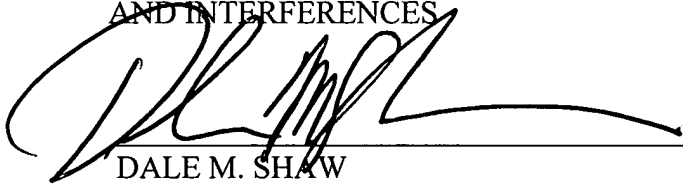
ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner for

1) the application is returned to the examiner to have the \$200.00 extension of time fee applied to Account No. 50-2421;

2) any further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly

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